Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana etc. for the welfare of workers in the unorganised sector. In addition to this, 'Krishi Shramik Samajik Suraksha Yojana—2001' to provide social security to agricultural workers is being implemented through LIC.The schemes are regularly monitored by the respective Ministries/Departments.

(b) There is no such proposal at present.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

ITIs in Karnataka

3058. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state;

(a) the number of Industrial Training Institutes in Karnataka;

(b) whether there is any proposal to set up new Industrial Training Institutes in the State during the year 2002-03; and

(c) if so, bow many new ITIs would be set up and places where these are to be set up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN): (a) to (c) Industrial Training Institutes are set up and run by States/UT Governments or private institutions. As per information received from the State Government of Karnataka, there are 102 ITIs in the State and at present there is no proposal under consideration to set up new ITIs in Karnataka during the year 2002-03.

Implementation of SC Verdict

3059. SHRI RAMAGHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Hon'ble Surpreme Court in its decision in Civil Appeal No. 6009 and 6010 of 2001 has decisively held that the State Government is the "Appropriate Authority" under the Industrial Disputes Act, 1947 and Contract Labour (R&A) Act, 1970 in respect of Central Public Sector Undertakings;

(b) if so, the reasons for delaying issuance of appropriate Government Order to implement the decision; and

(c) by when such an order is likely to be issued?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN): (a) The Hon'ble Supreme Court in its judgement in the case of Civil Appeal Nos, 6009-6010/2001-Steel Authority o1 India Ltd. and others V/s National Union Water Front Workers and others dated 30.8.2001, laid down the criteria that the Central Government is the appropriate Government under the Industrial Disputes Act, 1947 for Central Government Company/Undertaking or any other Undertaking included in Clause (a) of Section 2 of Industrial Disputes Act, 1947, any industry carried on by or under the authority of Central Government (such an authority may be conferred either by a Statute or by virtue of a relationship of principal and agent or by delegation of power), or Railway Company or specified controlled industry. Otherwise in relation to any other establishment, the State Government will be the appropriate Government. On the receipt of said judgement the clarification letters were issued by Ministry of Labour to all State Governments on 19.4.2002, clarifying the appropriate Government under the Industrial Disputes Act, 1947 in respect of Central Public Sector Undertakings.

(b) and (c) Do not arise in view of answer to (a) above.

Exploitation of beedi worl(ers in U.P.

3060. SHRI KHAN GHUFRAN ZAHIDl: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether beedi workers in Uttar Pradesh are being exploited and the relevant laws are being flouted by the proprietors with impunity in collusion with official machinery;

(b) whether there are malpractices in the medical facilities for beedi workers; and

(c) if so, what steps are being taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR {SHR! ASHOK PRADHAN): (a) Government have enacted the Beedi & Cigar Workers (Conditions of Employment) Act 1966, to protect the beedi woriters from exploitation by employers. The Act is applicable to all the States and UTs including U.P and is enforced by State Governments.The State Government has denied any exploitation of beedi workers in Uttar Pradesh by flouting of relevant laws by the proprietors in collusion with official machinery.